

House Resolution No. 4588

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to preserving the past while preparing for the future through excellent educational efforts; and

Whereas, the Society of the Audrain County Historical Museum Complex in Mexico, Missouri, will hold its Annual Dinner on November 11, 2003; and

Whereas, this year marks a very special moment in the annals of the Audrain County Historical Society, which will observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding during the 2003 Annual Dinner; and

Whereas, the Audrain County Historical Society maintains a roster of more than five hundred members who are devoted to supporting the preservation, promotion, and presentation of Audrain County history; and

Whereas, composed of Graceland Mansion, Prairie View Country Church, stables, and an old country schoolhouse, the Audrain County Historical Museum Complex will one day also incorporate an addition to house the first Firebrick Museum; and

Whereas, with more than 2,500 visitors each year, the Audrain County Historical Museum Complex opens its doors annually at no charge to over 1,000 school children, hosts the annual "Walk Back In Time" Living History Event which drew nearly 9,000 visitors in 2003, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is the recipient of such honors and accolades as the Citation of Special Merit from the Missouri Historical Society, the 1992 and 2002 Excellence in Tourism Award from the Mexico Area Chamber of Commerce, and a Northeast Missouri Salute to Literacy Award in 2001 and 2003; and

Whereas, the Audrain County Historical Museum Complex operates under the leadership of Executive Director Dana Keller and President of the Board Duane Rankin:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the community-oriented work associated with the Audrain County Historical Society and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and sincerest best wishes as they bring to fruition the 2003 Annual Dinner and Fiftieth Anniversary observance; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Society of the Audrain County Historical Museum Complex in Mexico, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Steve Hobbs
District No. 21

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4588, adopted November 5, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker